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Original Poetry.

AUTUMN THOUGHTS.

BY FAITH.

There is a strange, sweet hush in these
The early days of fall, ere yet the frost
Has come to touch and tinge the rich deep green
Of summer foliage with those brighter hues
That, for a season, so delight the eye.
The verdant earth still bears the summer's kiss,
And still the cattle seek the cooling shade.
Yet there's a change—a calm. The joyful birds,
That through the spring and early summer made
Each tree and grove with music eloquent,
Have winged their flight to other climes, where
spring
Hath a perpetual dwelling, and the constant hum
Of insect life around,—the cricket's drone,
The locust's cry, Pharaoh, bringing down
To this fair land the memory of him
To whom 'twas sent in judgment—all the count-
less sounds

That fill a country solitude with life,
Seem still and distant; even the wanton breeze,
Forgetful of its frolics in the early spring,
Stays listlessly amid the boughs, as though
It were a toil to fill them with such thick leaves.
The steady, slow summer air its shrill shrieks
Swayed by the summer sun its gentle head.
Now, below, ready to be gathered, stands,
Giving fair promise of a harvest rich.
The delicate flowers that round our pathway

sprung.

While yet the year was young, have vanished

now.

And in their stead the stronger dahlia rears

Those many-flowered bloomers.

Chrysanthemums buds

Are bursting into beauty; and in distant glades

The tall lollipop, with its crimson spike,

Gleams like a flame within the autumn woods.

It is the very glory of the year;

And nature, wearied, pauses to enjoy

Her perfect work.

The season minds of one who stands in strength

Of perfect manhood; one whose early days

Were given in song for his later life

A goodly seed. With anxious care he plucked

Each noxious weed, that might have checked the

plant.

He wished should flourish. Carefully he watched,

Nor once forgot a blessing from on high

To crave on all his work. Nor did he slight

The blessings given him; each joyous

Invariably save to the quicker sense of those

Whose spirits are not numbed by frequent griefs,

He herd and treasured. Every tiny flower

That blossomed at his side, he noted well,

Nor lost its fragrance; and in visions oft,

Even now, he hears those long gone melodies,

And memories of the days of yore come

With a sense of sweetened heart.

So he lived to endure the toll

Of middle life; and as each flower faded,

He but looked onward with a firmer faith

Unto another spring, when they should bloom

With greater beauty, in a brighter land.

Nor did he tire in scattering blessings round

All on him, and now their blessings rest

With tenfold grace upon his simple head.

So to the noble man; and now no age

You'll ever marry that fellow. Why,

child, you should, not accept your very

first offer. Mercy! I would certainly have

two at least!" cried Ruth, as if she had

had a dozen at her feet.

"Yes, but Annie," said Ruth laughing,

"what would Ernest have to say to your

plan?"

"Oh, pshaw! whom first we love, you

know, we seldom wed, and I don't believe

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SPAIN.

The Spanish news is interesting, if true. The Spanish press, it is said, denounces Sickles, the American minister, bitterly, on account of his note to the Spanish government, which he says, merely hinted that the American government is willing to interpose its friendly offices for the settlement of Spain's difficulties with Cuba. Some of the journals say he was sent there solely because he was known to be a strong partisan of Cuban annexation. The London Spectator says that though war between Spain and the United States appears like a moral impossibility, it is universally believed in fact now in Spain. It considers that with Spanish pride and American sympathies, the situation is critical. Possibly so, but we dare say if the Spanish can manage their "pride," the Americans can manage their "sympathies," which, noble and world-wide as they are, they never indulge if it costs too much. The letting loose of a hundred Spanish "Alabamas" upon what remains of our commerce, is a contingency which may persuade us to clasp to some extent our gushing benevolence towards rebellion in Cuba.

Mr. Geo. Peabody is visiting Mr. John. W. Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at his residence about three miles from Baltimore. His health improved during his stay in Massachusetts.

Thomas John Penn, the last descendant of the Penn family, has just died.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and CATARRH treated with the unguent invented by J. LEACOCK, M. D., Professor of Disease of the Eye, and Eye in the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 12 years experience, (formerly of Leyden, Holland,) No. 805 Arch Street, Phila. Testimonials can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain. No charge for examination.

A DESIRABLE FARM
AT
Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee will offer at Public Sale to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY, October the 12th, 1869,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the "Voshell House," in Chestertown, the Farm of Thomas A. Merleth, lying on Chester River, containing

186 Acres, 2 Rods and 11 Perches, adjoining the lands of William T. Spy and J. F. Newman, Esq. The soil is good and adapted to the different kinds of grain, and a portion good for truck gardens, turnips, &c. Grass and clover grow finely. The land has all been limed. This farm has many advantages. It is situated on Chester River and has on it.

A Fine Fishing Shore and Three Landings.

It is about two and a-half miles from Chesterville, three miles from the Railroad Depot at Middletown, and two miles from Crumpton, convenient to Schools, Churches, &c.

A Peach Orchard of 500 Trees, well selected and seven years old.

There are five fields, under fair ordinary fencing, and sufficient timber for fencing.

THE DWELLING is a good one-story Frame, in good condition, with two rooms below and two above. A good Kitchen is attached. There is a Stable, Corn House, and Granary. Mr. Thomas A. Merleth, who resides on the farm, will show it to whom he may call.

THE PUBLIC SALE—One-half cash on the day of sale or in sixty days, at the option of the Trustee; one-fourth on the first of January next, and the balance on the first of January, 1871, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee.

GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee.

Chestertown, Sept. 25, 1869—ts

PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be sold at Public Sale, at Walker's Hotel, in the town of Middletown, by the subscriber, on

Saturday, Oct. 3d, 1869, at 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The following described property, located on Catherine and Anderson streets,

MIDDLETON:

SEVEN BUILDING LOTS, 43 to 55 Feet Front by 145 to 150 Feet Deep.

No. 1 Contains 48 feet front on Catherine st. by 150 feet deep.

No. 2 Contains 48 feet front on Catherine street by 150 feet deep.

No. 3 Contains 48 feet front on Anderson st. by 150 feet deep.

No. 4 being the Corner Lot, Contains 48 feet front on Catherine street, by 150 feet deep.

No. 5 Contains 55 feet front on Anderson st. by 150 feet deep.

No. 6 Contains 55 feet front on Anderson st. by 150 feet deep.

No. 7 Contains 54 feet front on Anderson st. by 145 feet deep, more or less.

The Conditions of this Sale will be as follows: Each and every Lot will be sold to the highest and best bidder, and will hold by paying One-Twenty-five of the purchase money as soon as the property is struck off, and the balance in 23 equal monthly installments, and at the expiration of the 23 months from the day of sale, a clear title will be given. Possession given as soon as the property is struck off. Every person failing to comply with the above conditions, at the expiration of the third month will have to forfeit the amount that has been paid.

No postponement on account of weather or price of lots.

M. E. WALKER,
Sept. 25—ts

S. M. EYOS, Auc.

HANGING BASKETS, Earth and Wire, For Sale at ROTHWELL'S New Store, May 29 Main street, Middletown, Del.

OLD NEWSPAPERS, a cheap and convenient Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
At Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in Equity, the undersigned, as Trustee, will sell at Public Sale, at the Hotel of Joseph H. Walker,

TUESDAY, October the 12th, 1869,
At Twelve O'clock, M.

at the "Voshell House," in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland.

THE FARM, situated in said county, on Chesapeake Bay, at the head of Tavern Creek, and of which the late Walter T. H. Miller died seized.

It Contains 216 Acres of Land,

MORE OR LESS,

and is divided into five fields well fenced, three of which are watered by Tavern Creek. Grain may be delivered on the Bay shore, on the farm, and fine boats come to Bear Point on Swan Creek, about one-half mile from the farm. It has a

Young Apple Orchard

of about One Hundred Trees of choice variety and very thriving.

The soil is good and well adapted to cereals.

The Improvements are a

COMFORTABLE FRAME DWELLING,

With a Kitchen attached, and the usual Out-

The Trustee will also offer at the same time a

Wood Lot Containing About 12 Acres

adjoining the lands of John H. Gales hours.

These lands will be surveyed and a plot exhibited on the day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—The terms prescribed by the Decree are as follows:—One-fifth of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or in sixty days thereafter, at the option of the Trustee, and the balance in three equal installments, in one, two and three years from day of sale, and interest at 6 per cent. due on the day of January next, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee. Possession given on the first day of January next.

GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee.

N. B. The creditors of the late Walter T. H. Miller deceased, are requested to file their claims with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, within four months from the day of sale.

J. E. VICKERS, Trustee.

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Sketches of Travel.

Written for the Middletown Transcript.

A Ramble in Westchester County, N. Y.

About fifty miles out of New York City, on the Harlem Rail Road, the worn out denizen of the city in pursuit of good mountain air alights at Purdy's Station, and enquires for a conveyance to North Salem, situated between 5 and 6 miles back from the sound of the iron horse, in a northeasterly direction. Presently the driver of the democratic stage makes his appearance, and away the stranger is carried over hill and dale, with fine corn fields and cattle grazing on the numerous hills on either hand, stopping occasionally to change mails, and leave parcels and papers for the inhabitants on the route.

About two miles from the station, a one-story wood colored house is pointed out as the former residence of Hon. Horace Greeley, about 12 or 15 years since: who occupied it for two summers. One would suppose that this eccentric Indian individual could be happy in such a rookery, from his well known hermit-like proclivities.

He has many times made the remark that he and Mrs. G. took comfort while there, from the fact that the place was so quiet and unexposed. Which is exactly the reverse, as the house—now the abode of a former inhabitant of the “rare cold soil”—is without a fence, or yard even, and right on the highway almost.

This well known editor is spoken of as an Indian, which word is borrowed from Mark Twain, who, in writing from Niagara Falls to the New York Express, gives us his talk to the pretended Indians of Irish descent, who make ornaments and trinkets around the Falls and pass them off as fabrics of real redmen: (Twain's speech).

“Trading for forty-rod whiskey, to enable you to get drunk and happy and tomahawk your families, has played the everlasting mischief with the picturesque pomp of your dress, and here you are, in the broad light of the 19th century, gotten up like the ragtail and bottail of the purloins of New York! For shame! Remember your ancestors! Recall their mighty deeds!—Remember Uncas!—and Red Jacket!—and Hole-in-the-Day!—and Horace Greeley! Emulate their achievements! Usurp yourselves under my banner noble savages, illustrious garter-snipes, &c. &c. “Down with him!”

“Scoop the blagard!”

“Hang him!”

“Burn him!”

“Drown him!”

These, and more were the replies from the Niagara Falls Indians. But what a digression from Westchester County!

While speaking of the Tribune wire pulter it is well to remark that the inhabitants of Gotham and other cities are constantly asking where do all the Tribunes go? When one strays out into the agricultural regions he will soon find where this sheet is taken, for it is particularly the farmer's paper in New York, New England, and the great West—especially Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kansas. The agricultural department is under the charge of Solon Robinson, the author of “Hot Corn,” whose name is as familiar to the farmer as “household words,” all over the United States—consequently, the items and information are reliable in every respect.

Many Democratic farmers and drovers take this paper, as it panders to their interests, while the Times, World, and Herald, have their readers in other classes.

On nearing Salem Centre, 4 miles from the railroad, the farm and fine mansion of the great city milk dealer, T. W. Decker, is particularly noticed, as he has spent over five-thousand dollars on an elaborate summer house, to the right of the main building; which, after all, seems to be incomplete. But, as he has made a fortune in the milk business, and is constantly adding to his pile, the money is not probably missed. His milk is considered the best brought into N. Y. and is all purchased in the upper part of Westchester County, and selected from the most reliable farmers in this section.

Perhaps the following routine of the farmers who sell milk to Decker and others may be worth noting: The morning's milk is put into 10 gallon tin cans, which are placed in pure spring water until 4 o'clock, P. M. when the evening's milk is mixed with it and then is transported to the railway stations, from whence it is taken by the milk train, arriving in the city after midnight, ready for customers in the morning. While the milk stands in the spring the farmer stirs it hourly, to prevent the cream from rising.

The wife of the milk-seller has but little work to do, as she knows nothing of the hardship and care connected with butter and cheese making.

At Salem Centre, the edifice and well-shaded grounds of John June, Esq. are described, which before the war was considered one of the finest residences in the county. Mr. J. is a bachelor of 60 and upwards, is well remembered by the inhabitants of 25 or 30 years since, as connected with the circus enterprises of that day. Who has not heard, more or less, the firm name of June, Titus, Agnew & Co. in connection with circuses? The three first named gentlemen are all old bachelors.

The internal management of this domain is confided to the sisters of Mr. J., and from personal experience the old mansion is well presided over.

In fact this hospitable proprietor is received with pleasure by many a friend of the owner. The beauty and grace of his scenes need not be spoken of now, as in a future communication a pie-eat on the lawn will be described, in which one of the young ladies took a prominent part.

Just across the meadow, about a half mile distant, a three story granite and lime stone pile, situated on a rolling declivity, is a marked object of interest. This massive structure, and farm of 200 acres and upwards, is owned and occupied by Ex-Alderman James S. Libby, and a former Tammany candidate for Mayor of our city, at Hon. Fernando Wood, a former Mozarier, and well known personage. Mr. L. has for many years the proprietor of Lovejoy's Hotel, in N. Y. The first hotel started in this country on the

European plan, and now the owner of the Libby House, corner of 27th street and 4th avenue. All visitors are welcomed at his residence, when in Salem. His villa commands a view of miles in that valley. Long may the Ex-Alderman live, to enjoy his farm, and the society of his friends.

Just before these two residences are seen, one observes an old-fashioned building in which a fellow passenger states is a time-honored place of learning—the Salem Academy, where many noted men of a past age were educated.

Ogden Hoffman, the late distinguished member of the New York bar, and Ex-Gov. Clinton, the projector of the great Erie Canal, were students of this institution.

Rev. C. H. Holloway, formerly the preceptor of your Middletown Academy, in the years 1865-6, is now at the head of this Academy. He will soon open it for the fall and winter session.

About three-quarters of a mile from this institution, past Salem Centre, the Presbyterian Church is situated, and hard by, the Parsonage where Mr. H. resides. He preaches regularly in the church, in connection with his duties as a teacher in the Academy aforesaid. This preacher is appreciated by his flock, and gives them good, sound practical sermons, in return for substantial support.

Passing by the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches the old vehicle plods on another mile, and turns up at an old mansion, enveloped in stately sugar maple trees, with a rolling lawn in front, the terminus of your correspondent where for six weeks, he and friends were very hospitably entertained.

Here the jaded resident of the city can inhale the tonic mountain air and drink pure Croton water from the many cool springs which issue from the hillsides, which help swell the Titicus River, one of the largest streams which pours into the Croton Lake some 10 or 12 miles below.

New York, Sept. 1869. B. S. T.

Delaware Rail Road Line

Summer Arrangement.

ON and after MONDAY, July 12th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run as follows, until further notice:

ALL TRAINS SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.

NORTH.

Leave Crisfield,	7:00 A. M.
“ Marion,	7:40
“ Kingston,	8:05
“ Westover,	8:30
“ Prin. Anne,	9:10
“ Eden,	9:40
“ Fairington,	10:00
“ Salisbury,	10:30
“ Delmar,	10:45
“ Laurel,	11:05
“ Seaford,	11:30
“ Bridgeville,	11:50
“ Greenwood,	12:00 P. M.
“ Farmington	12:15 P. M.
“ Harrington	12:35
“ Fletch.	1:15
“ Plymouth	1:20
“ Canterbury	1:30
“ Moortown	1:45
“ Milford	2:10
“ S. George	2:35
“ S. Mary	3:00
“ New Castle	3:45
Arrive Wilm.	4:05
“ Phila'd.	11:15 A. M.
“ Baltimore	11:45 A. M.
	5:40 P. M.
	8:10 “

STUDENTS.

Leave Crisfield,	7:00 A. M.
“ Baltimore,	7:25
“ Wilm.	10:10
“ New Castle,	10:30
“ Kent.	10:50
“ St. George	11:00
“ Mt Pleasant	11:15
“ Townsend,	11:35
“ Blackbird	11:50
“ Townsend	12:00 M.
“ Sassafras	12:00 M.
“ Clayton	12:15 P. M.
“ Middleb'.	12:35
“ Mt Pleasant	1:10
“ Fletch.	1:20
“ Plymouth	1:30
“ Canterbury	1:40
“ Moortown	1:55
“ Milford	2:10
“ S. George	2:35
“ S. Mary	3:00
“ New Castle	3:45
Arrive Wilm.	4:05
“ Phila'd.	11:45 A. M.
“ Baltimore	11:55 P. M.
	8:10 “

SOUTH.

Leave Phila'd.	8:30 A. M. 5:00 P. M.
“ Baltimore	7:25
“ Wilm.	10:10
“ New Castle,	10:30
“ Kent.	10:50
“ St. George	11:00
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